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To War Crimes Department  
Legal Division

Lübbecke/Westfalen

With regard to Johann Braschoss of Essen, who was sentenced to death for taking part in the murdering of English pilots at Essen on 13th December, 1944, I present the following supplement to my letter of 7th February, 1946:

From 28th July to 23rd December, 1945, day of the beginning of the trial, Barschoss has been in Gelsenkirchen camp. During this time he has not been able to prepare his defence because, he declares, he was not allowed to write nor to receive anybody to discuss with.

Mrs. Klara Giese, living at Essen, Heimatdankstrasse 44, and the clerk Josef Paus, living at Essen-Dellwig, Donnersberg 117, met Braschoss on the bridge immediately after the crime; he was very excited and declared that he had defended the poor men from being undressed and robbed.

The wife of the witness Hartmann, Essen-Ruhr, Mecklenbeckweg 5, and her daughter, Mrs. Henkel, living at Essen, Mecklenbeckweg 5, have both given Mrs. Johann Braschoss of Essen, Wiesbadenerstrasse 26, a written declaration that both of them had been on the bridge during the incident, without seeing Braschoss at the place of the crime.

Also the witness Hartmann declared to Mrs. Braschoss at first that he had not seen her husband on the bridge at all. When later Mrs. Braschoss wished Hartmann to write this declaration down, he refused to do so with the remark that Braschoss had been on the bridge.

Mrs. Henkel, the witness Hartmann's sister, declared to Mrs. Käthe Weisenhaus of Essen, Mecklenbeckweg 5a, that her brother is not to be taken seriously because he is

richtig sei. Dass der Sohn  
hoss namens Hans Braschoss  
1944 nicht auf der Brücke ge-  
bestätigen:  
Heimatdank, Wiemenbuschstr.  
bst,  
ssen, Wickenburgstrasse 56,  
ssen, Humboldtstr. Nr. 73  
cheinigungen:  
Essen, wonach Braschoss  
bis 3.5.1945 mit Aus-  
ständig Dienst getan  
oss vom 22.5.1945  
ettwig sich befunden  
Weisenhaus und  
ckweg 5a, wonach  
12.7.1945 morgens  
g 5a aufge-  
hauses  
5 bis  
en ist.  
nach Thü-  
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not in his right senses. The son of the sentenced  
schoss, named Hand Braschoss, has not been on the bridge  
on 13th December, 1944, forenoon; this will be verified  
by the following persons as witnesses:

- 1) Werner Lehm of Essen-Heimatdank, Wiesenbuschstr. 13
- 2) Mrs. Fricke, address as before,
- 3) Miss Inge Loeber, Essen, Wickenburgstr. 56,
- 4) Werner Kohl, Mülheim-Heihsen, Humboldtstr. 73;

I hand over the following certificates:

- 1) Firm of Friedrich Krupp A.G., Essen, according to which  
Braschoss has permanently done his work from Dec 13th,  
1944, to May, 3rd, 1945 with exception of the days stated.
- 2) Dr. Brachvogel, according to which Braschoss has been in  
the hospital of Kettwig from 22nd May, 1945, to 7th July,  
1945.
- 3) Mrs. Käthe Weisenhaus, Wilhelm Weisenhaus, and Waltraud  
Eckart, Essen, Mecklenbeckweg 5a, according to which  
Braschoss has stayed at Essen-West, Mecklenbeckweg 5a,  
from 7th July, 1945, to 12th July, 1945, 7 o'clock in the  
morning,
- 4) Certificate of discharge from the Municipal Hospital of  
Essen, according to which Braschoss has been in that  
hospital from 12th May, 1945, to 22nd May, 1945.

Consequently, it is not possible that Braschoss fled to  
Thuringia and stayed there.

I ask to take this fact into consideration when examining  
the case. I presented the application of 7th February, 1946,  
and this letter without enclosures also to Military Govern-  
ment 1st Corps T.A.G. at Iserlohn by way of the Military Govt  
Soest.

My power of attorney is enclosed.

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